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DEPT PASS LABOR DEPT AND AAFLI
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SUBJECT: JORDANIANS LABOR DEVELOPMENTS

1. SUMMARY: (A) JFTU CLINICS ARE EXPERIENCING
BUDGETRY/ADMINISTRATIVE CRISIS:MINLAB AND JFTU REQUEST
AAFLI EXPERT EXPERIENCED IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION.

(B) SYRIANS AND EGYPTIANS ARE SAID TO HAVE SOUNDED
OUT POSSIBILITY OF AAFLI ENTERING THOSE COUNTRIES.

(C) THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT GOJ REPS WILL
BE ACCEPTED AS JFTU DELEGATION AT APRIL ICATU CONFERENCE
IN ADEN. END SUMMARY

2. JFTU CLINICS IN TOURS D'HORIZON WITH JFTU AND
MINLAB OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR ILO LABOR
CONFERENCE, LRO HAS RECEIVED STRONG REQUESTS FOR ALL
PARTIES FOR AAFLI TO SEND EXPERT EXPERIENCED IN
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HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION TO JORDAN TO CORRECT SOMEWHAT
CHAOTIC SITUATION OF THREE LABOR UNION CLINICS WHICH
AAFLI HELPED ESTABLISH. CURRENT 22,000 JD(US \$66,000)
DEFICIT IN OPERATING EXPENSES OF CLINICS HAS BEEN
ATTRIBUTED AMONG OTHER FACTORS TO LACK OF LEGAL OR
ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK SURROUNDING ESTABLISHMENT OF
JFTU CLINICS CMTE. FUNDING PROBLEM HAS BEEN

EXACERBATED BY FACT THAT ONLY ONE-THIRD OF PATIENTS DURING LAST FISCAL YEAR WERE WORKERS MAJORITY WERE SAMALL TRADESMEN. MINLAB AND JFTU OFFICIALS SAY TAT THEY LACK AUTHORITY TO TURN AWAY NON-WORKER PATIENTS. IN MEANTIME SAMI HASSAN MANSOUR(ABU HASSAN) HEAD OF LAND TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION IS SAID TO BE PREDICTING THAT CRENT JFTU CLINICS PROBLEM WILL UNTIMATELY FORCE JFTU TO COME TO HIM "WITH WHITE FLAG/ SINCE ABU HASSANS THREE CLINICS ARE OPERATING MORE EFFICIENTLY.

2. AAFLI IN EGYPT AND SYRIA. SHAHIR AM MAJALI SYG OF JFTU TOLD LRO THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS WHO HAVE INFORMED HIM OF THEIR DESIRE TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF AAFLI UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES. MAJALI SAID THAT MAHMOUD HADID, SYG OF SYRIAN LAB FEDERATION SUGGESTED THAT PALLADINO TRAVEL TO DAMASCUS VIA AMMAN TO DISCUSS SITUATION. IN ADDITON EXYPTIAN LABOR DELEGATION IS EXPECTEC HERE APRIL 27 FOR MAYDAY CELEBARATIONS AND MAJALI IS WILLING TO PURSUE MATTER OF EGYPTIANS CONTACT FURTHER AT THAT TIME.

3. JORDAN IN ICATU. IN SPIT OF ABMIGOUS RECEPTION GIVEN JORDANIAN JFTU REPS AT ICATU KHARTOUM CONF IN DECEMBER. ICATU DELEGATION TRAVEL TO AMMAN TO DISCUSS POSS IBILITY OF JFTU RE ENTERING ORGANIZATION. CCORDING TO MINLAB DELEGATION MADE THREE REQUESTS OF JORDANIANS AS QUID PRO QUO FOR EJECTING RENEGADE JORDANIANS NOW RESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN DAMASCUS AND WHO CLAIM TO REPRESENT JFTU. 1) AMEND LABOR LAW 2) ALLOW RENEGADE JORDANSN TO RETURN TO AMMAN AND WITH WITYOUT BEING JAILED. 3) RELEASE FROM PRISON TWO COMMUNIST LABOR LEADERS MUSA AL QAWADIR (HEAD OF UNRWA WORKERS UNION) AND FATHA AL UMANI (HEAD OF TEXTILE WORKERS) MINLAB AGREED TO FIRST TWO CONDITIONS SHAHIR MAJALI SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD LRO THAT HE WAS RECEVED OFFICIAL WORD FROM ICATU THAT JFTU REPS WILL BE RECEIVED AS OFFICIAL GOJ DELEGATION AT UPCOMING ICATU CONF SCEDUELED APRIL 6 IN ADEN.

4. COMMENT:, LRO WILL DISCUSS CLINICS SITUATION AND OTHER ARAB CONTACT WITH AAFLI REPS IN NEW DELHI.ON QUESTION OF ICATU JORDANIANS ASSURANCES OF JFTU ACCEPTANCE AT ICATU CONFERENCES CS ANNUAL TRADITION HERE. WOULD APPEAR HOWEVER THAT OPTIMISM IS NOW JUSTIFIED SINCE CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO PARTIES MAY HAVE SMOOTHED ROAD FOR RE-ENTRY OF JFTU. PICKERING

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